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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Survey of the Foreign Documents Division  
by the Inspector General


1. Forwarded herewith is the response of the Assistant Director for Operations to the report of the Inspector General on the Foreign Documents Division. I concur fully with this response but wish to add the following comments.

2. The Inspector General report is extremely thorough and constructive and I would emphasize the fact that Mr. Carey and myself believe that the greater part of its recommendations can be profitably carried out.

3. I feel that the report might have placed greater stress on the excellent community-wide working relationships that have been effected by the Chief of this division through the mechanism of the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications. In the truest sense of the phrase, FDD has provided a service of common concern responding flexibly and efficiently to the periodic review of its production schedules and priorities by the aforesaid committee.

4. Recommendation G calls for action on my part to negotiate with the Department of State for the transfer of the Publications Procurement Program overseas to CIA. As you know, this was attempted up to the level of Deputy Under Secretary Henderson last fall and was rebuffed. I still believe that the Inspector General, Dr. Andrews and FDD are correct and that we should reopen this question at an early date. I am also under the impression that this is your desire. However, I have held the matter in abeyance until we get the scientific attache program straightened out as I feel that it is of greater importance and that we will do better to fight one engagement at a time with the Department in this general area of overt collection.

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